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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/14/08.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vannatta et al., US Patent Number 5,649,306 (hereinafter Vannatta) in view of Chiang et al., US Patent Application Publication Number 2004/0046694 (hereinafter Chiang).

Regarding claim 2, Vannatta discloses a mobile terminal comprising: a first antenna as an omnidirectional antenna; a second antenna as directional antenna; and a switching unit for switching over the antenna for receiving; a printed circuit board mounted with the first antenna and the second antenna; a first box body holding the printed circuit board; and a second box body rotatably secured to the first box body [abstract; col. 4: lines 41-62; col. 7: line 48 – col. 8: line 9].

Vannatta does not expressly disclose wherein the first antenna is provided in the vicinity of a front edge portion on the side opposite to the securing side of the first box body on the printed circuit board, and the second antenna is provided on an flip side of a surface facing the second box body on the printed circuit board when the first box body and the second box body are folded together so as to set a directional antenna pattern to face away from a human body when the mobile terminal is kept next to the human body in a folded state in which a flip side surface of the second box body facing

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the first box body also faces the human body. However, Chiang teaches this limitation [paragraphs 0019, 0020, 0051, 0061, 0065].

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Vannatta to include Chiang in order to have greater range of beam patterns as suggested by Chiang [paragraph 0019].

Regarding claim 3, Vannatta discloses wherein the switching unit switches over the receiving antenna, corresponding to whether the first box body and the second box body are in a folded state or in an unfolded state [col. 7: line 48 – col. 8: line 9].

Regarding claim 4, Vannatta discloses wherein the switching unit, in the case of the folded state, switches over the receiving antenna to the second antenna and, in the case of the unfolded state, switches over the receiving antenna to the first antenna [col. 7: line 48 – col. 8: line 9].

Regarding claim 5, Chiang discloses wherein the switching unit switches over the receiving antenna in accordance with a receiving sensitivity [paragraphs 0020, 0052, 0068, claim 19].

Regarding claim 6, Chiang discloses wherein the switching unit, when a specified receiving sensitivity is not obtained during a receipt by the first antenna, switches over to the receipt by the second antenna [paragraphs 0020, 0052, 0068, claim 19].

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 2/14/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant has amended the independent claim to include that the

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directional pattern faces away from a human body when the mobile terminal is kept next to the human body in a folded state. However, previously applied prior art, Chiang et al., teaches this limitation as discussed above.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Campana, Jr., US Patent Number 5,714,937, discloses an omnidirectional and directional antenna assembly.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erika A. Gary whose telephone number is 571-272-7841. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on 571-272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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